

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Christopher R. Harlocker
For: CARRYING CASE PROVIDING PRIVACY AND
LIGHT SHADE FOR A SCREEN OF A LAPTOP
COMPUTER
Attorney's Docket No.: HARL-3

Commissioner for Patents
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby makes the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,877,896, issued 03/02/1999 to Gremban
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,992,155, issued 11/30/1999 to Kabayashi et al.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,109,434, issued 08/29/2000 to Howard

Copies of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (one page), are enclosed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicant also respectfully requests that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (one page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

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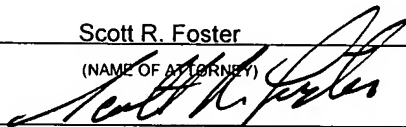
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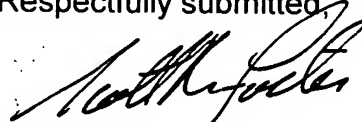


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